

STATEMENT OF THE FOREIGN OFFICE, TOKYO

June 21, 1939.

The operations which the Imperial Japanese forces have just undertaken in South China, like those which have been in progress since last year, are nothing other than an extension of the purely military action for the purpose of destroying the important bases of operations by the Chiang Kai-shek regime against Japan.

The policy hitherto pursued by the Japanese Government of respecting the rights and interests of third Powers remains unchanged. Although the best efforts will therefore be exerted for the prevention of any damage to them in the present operations, it is earnestly hoped the third Powers will understand the real intentions of Japan and extend cooperation to the efforts of the Japanese forces and thereby preclude the occurrence of any untoward incidents.

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南支ニ於ケル軍事行動ニ關スル情報部要談

(昭和十四年六月二十一日)

今次南支ニ於ケル帝國軍ノ作戰ハ客年來ノ南支作戰同様依然據日ヲ繼續スル將以テノ重要據點ヲ侵襲セシメコトヲ目的トスル總然タル軍事行動ノ延長ニ外ナラヌ。

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